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SUBJECT: SINO-SOVIET RELATIONS: SOVIET TROOPS IN MONGOLIA

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1. APRIL 5 TASS ARTICLE DATELINED ULAN BATOR AND
CARRIED IN APRIL 6 KRASNAYA ZVEZDA REPORTS MONGOLIAN
COMMUNIST PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE NEWSPAPER UNEN'S
DENUNCIATION OF CHINESE FOR REJECTING SOVIET SUPREME
SOVIET "INITIATIVE" AND FOR DEMANDING THAT MOSCOW WITH-
DRAW ITS FORCES FROM MONGOLIA. TASS ARTICLE CITES
UNEN AS HOLDING THAT:

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-- SINO-SOVIET RELATIONS HAVE WORSENERD DUE TO THE
CHINESE LEADERSHIP'S "ANTI-SOCIALIST AND
ANTI-SOVIET POLICIES."

-- CHINESE LEADERS HAVE FOLLOWED THEIR REJECTION OF
SUPREME SOVIET PROPOSALS WITH "AN EVEN MORE FIERCE ANTI-
SOVIET CAMPAIGN" INCLUDING THE PRESENTATION OF CONDITIONS
AMOUNTING TO AN ULTIMATUM (UL'TIMATIVNIYE USLOVIYA).

ARTICLE CONTINUES THAT "PEKING STANDS FOR RECOGNITION OF SO-CALLED 'DISPUTED AREAS' ON SOVIET TERRITORY ADJACENT TO THE BORDER AND FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF SOVIET TROOPS FROM THESE AREAS. BESIDES THAT, PEKING DEMANDS THE WITHDRAWAL OF SOVIET FORCES FROM THE MPR."

-- THE MPR IS A UN MEMBER AND A SOVEREIGN STATE AND HAS THE RIGHT TO HAVE ON ITS TERRITORY MILITARY UNITS OF "FRATERNAL COUNTRIES." SOVIET UNITS ARE IN THE MPR AT THE REQUEST OF THE MPR. "THE DEMAND OF THE PEKING LEADERSHIP FOR WITHDRAWAL OF SOVIET MILITARY UNITS FROM THE MPR CONSTITUTES AN ATTEMPT TO INTERFERE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER COUNTRIES. SUCH ULTIMATUMS OF THE CHINESE LEADERS HAVE NEVER LED AND CANNOT LEAD TO NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS."

2. THE UNEN ARTICLE'S DENUNCIATION OF PRC DEMAND FOR SOVIET TROOP WITHDRAWAL FROM THE MPR COINCIDES WITH SOVIET PUBLIC COMMENTARY IN APRIL 1 PRAVDA ARTICLE AND PRIVATE STATEMENTS BY SOVIET MFA OFFICIAL, BOTH REPORTED REF A. IT DOES NOT ACCUSE THE CHINESE OF DIRECTLY CONNECTING SOVIET TROOP WITHDRAWAL FROM MONGOLIA WITH THE BORDER TALKS, AS THE APRIL 1 PRAVDA ARTICLE APPEARS TO HAVE DONE (REF B). F. I. POTAPENKO, DEPUTY CHIEF, SOVIET FIRST FAR EAST DEPT., ALSO DID NOT RAISE THIS CONNECTION IN APRIL 3 CONVERSATION WITH CONFIDENTIAL

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BRITISH EMBOFF ON APRIL 1 PRAVDA ARTICLE. HE DID HOLD, HOWEVER, THAT HUA KUO-FENG'S NPC CALL FOR SOVIET TROOP WITHDRAWAL FROM MONGOLIA WAS THE FIRST TIME THIS DEMAND HAD BEEN MADE PUBLIC. HE IMPLIED THAT IT HAD BEEN MADE PRIVATELY BEFORE. TOON

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